

- 1. The Central Committee of the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE) has launched a "peace" propaganda program in Ecuador, in accordance with instructions and information received from abroad." These instructions call for the intensive use of the theme "we want peace" through all available propaganda media. Local Communists believe that the purpose of such a program is to warn the masses against the danger of war and at the same time to make them conscious of their own misery in such a way that they will not lend themselves to "capitalist plans".
- 2. The implementation of these instructions to date has taken the form of prepared releases on peace for the Party organ, <u>El Pueblo</u>; the publication of a small handbill entitled "Queremos Paz" which was distributed in Quito and Guayaquil and signed by "Ciudadanos Ecuatorianos"; and wall posters put up in Quito during the night of 16 April.
- 3. The Party has been instructed to carry out this program as indirectly as possible. Consequently, the handbills and posters did not mention the Party by name nor did they mention the United States except by implication. The releases and handbills stated that the large countries were preparing for war and expending enormous sums for armament, whereas the Ecuadorans were interested only in peace and a chance to earn a living wage.
- 4. The Party has brought pressure to bear upon various newspaper correspondents and editorialists of local papers to publish articles on this general subject, to denounce the Atlantic Pact and Pan-Americanism, and to support the various Peace Conferences.

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Comment. An examination of the Party organ, El Pueblo, of 15 April 1949 clearly indicated that these instructions had been received from a foreign country, possibly Uruguay.

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